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FM AMEMBASSY QUITO

TO AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

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PORT OF SPAIN FOR LOS TEAM

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PBOR, EC

SUBJECT: LOS: TEAM VISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

REF: A) STATE 72363; B) STATE 73553

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED MESSAGE (REF A) DETAILING YOUR ITINERARY THROUGH VARIOUS ARA CAPITALS. ALTHOUGH THIS EMBASSY WAS ACTION ADDRESSEE, QUITO IS NOT AMONG LOS TEAM'S SCHEDULED STOPS.

2. YOU WILL PERHAPS RECALL THAT, IN RESPONSE TO NEWS OF TEAM'S INTENDED TOUR, WE SUGGESTED (QUITO 2010) DESIRABILITY OF ONE-DAY STOP IN QUITO TO BRIEF MEMBERS OF EMBASSY ON LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN LOS FIELD. ALTHOUGH WE CONCURRED WITH DECISION NOT TO INCLUDE ECUADOREAN OFFICIALS AMONG TARGETS OF VISIT, IT WAS (AND IS) FELT THAT BRIEFING OF EMBASSY WOULD BE OF GREAT USEFULNESS IN OUR FUTURE DEALINGS WITH GOE ON LOS MATTERS.

3. WE ARE TANTALIZED BY BRIEF NOTE IN REF A TO EFFECT THAT TEAM WILL SPLIT UP AFTER MONTEVIDEO STOP. MAY WE ASSUME THAT SOME ELEMENTS OF TEAM WILL BE FREE TO VISIT QUITO?

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4. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED MESSAGE (REF B) ADDRESSED TO ALL SUBSTANTIVE STOPS ON LOS TOUR, URGING HIGH-LEVEL EMBASSY PARTICIPATION IN TEAM'S CALLS ON LOCAL OFFICIALS. ARE WE TO ASSUME FROM THIS THAT TEAM, OR SOME ELEMENT THEREOF, WILL BE VISITING QUITO SOME TIME AFTER MAY 1? IF SO, WILL TEAM WISH TO MEET WITH SENIOR GOE OFFICIALS? ALTHOUGH WE CONTINUE TO HAVE DOUBTS REGARDING THE UTILITY OF SUCH CONTACTS AT THIS STAGE, THEY WOULD NOT LIKELY PROVE DAMAGING AND WE COULD SO ARRANGE IF DESIRED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.
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